

To the Right Honourable

Sir *PATIENCE WARD* Knight,  
Lord Mayor of the City of London.

*The humble PETITION of the Commons of the City of London, in Common-hall assembled, June 27. 1681.*

*Sheweth,*

**T**hat We do with all thankfulness acknowledg the great and wonderful mercy of Almighty God, in that notwithstanding the *daily Plots* and wicked Contrivances of the *Papists* and their Accomplices, We do still enjoy our ancient and undoubted *right and freedom* of *assembling* our selves together for the Choice of some *principal Officers* of this *City* for the year ensuing.

And whilst we attend upon this duty, We cannot but with all gratitude remember the great care, and faithful endeavours of *your Lordship*, the *Aldermen*, and *Commons* in *Common-council* lately assembled in ordering an *humble Address* to be presented to his *Majesty*; wherein was expressed *your Lordships* and *their* due sense of the continued danger of his *Majesty's Life*, ( which God long preserve ) and of the *Protestant Religion*, and of all our *Lives, Liberties, and Estates*, by the Designs and Conspiracies, so long projected and prosecuted by the *Councils of Rome* and its *Adherents*; in the pursuit whereof, they are chiefly animated by the continuing hopes of a *Popish Successour*. And also your and their just apprehensions that no effectual means can be provided against the impending evils therein mentioned, *but by the wisdom and advice of his Majesty's great Council the Parliament*.

And whereas it hath come to our knowledge, that *Reports*, by mistake or prejudice, have been raised, that the said *Address* did contain onely the *sense and desires* of a *few persons*, and not of the *generality* of this *great City*.

We do therefore most humbly pray *your Lordship*, that you will in such manner ( as shall seem best to *your Lordships* discretion ) humbly represent to his *Majesty*, that the Subject-matter of the said *Address* is also the true *sense*, and doth contain the humble *Desires and Resolutions* of his true and Loyal Subjects the *Citizens of his City of London*, in this their *Common-Hall* now assembled. And that his *Majesty* would be graciously pleased to esteem it as such.

And We having likewise taken notice that the same *Common Council* did at the time of their voting the said *Address*, render their thanks to our late worthy *Members* of the last *Parliament*, for their faithful endeavours to serve this *City*, according to the *Desires and Instructions* to them given and made by Us at the time of their *Election*. We do think it our duty at this time to testify our full concurrence therein, and do return unto them our hearty thanks for the same.

*And your Petitioners shall ever pray, &c.*

*This Petition was delivered to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor immediately after the declaring Thomas Pilkington Esq; Alderman, and Samuel Shute Esq; to be Sheriffs of London for the year ensuing; and being read by the command of the Lord Mayor to the Common-Hall, had their general Consent and Approbation of the same, which consisted of some Thousands of Citizens.*

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To the Honoured

*Slingsby Bethel and Henry Cornish Esquires,  
Sheriffs of this City of London and Middlesex.*

**W**E the *Citizens* of the said *City* in *Common-hall assembled*, being sensible of, and greatly satisfied with your faithful Endeavours to discharge those *Offices of Trust* which we ( not long since ) called you to ; and considering your wise and prudent conduct and management of our Affairs within this *City*, especially in maintaining and asserting of our undoubted *Rights* and *Priviledges* as *Citizens*, and continual provision of *faithful* and *able Juries* ; especially in such a time as this, when Innocency it self is not inrouded from the imputation of the blackest Crimes ; and the *best* and most *loyal Protestants* are exposed to the utmost hazards by the *Perjuries*, *Subornations*, and *Villanies* of the *Popish Party* and their *Adherents*. And we cannot at this time omit the mentioning your fair Proceedings in our present *Election of Sheriffs* for the *Year* ensuing , and dispatch of an unnecessary *Poll*, without putting us off by *Adjournments* to a troublesome and weary attendance. Do offer and return to you our most hearty *Thanks*, as the onely Compensation we can at present make you ; being confidently assured that you will stedfastly persist in those your most faithful Endeavours , as long as you shall continue *Officers* in this Honourable *City*.

*This Address was presented to the Sheriffs at the same time ; and being read to the Common-hall , had the like Approbation.*

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